

Michigan Tutorial Association



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2009 Conference Set for Oct. 30

Register now to attend the 27th annual MTA Connections Conference on Friday, October 30, 2009. We will be at the Day's Inn (formerly Best Western) in Lansing once again.

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Lane Glenn, vice president of academic affairs at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, MA, formerly of Oakland Community College. Dr Glenn's topic is *Failure to Launch*, about the decreasing academic success and even academic presence of young men. How can we better engage and support these students?

The annual meeting will include voting on a proposed change to the MTA Constitution and the election of officers for the year. See page 2 for more information on these issues.

Find registration information at http://www.michigan-tutors.org/mta_conferences.htm

Conference fees are \$95 for professional /administrative personnel and only \$30 for all student or part-time tutors. Fees include yearly membership.

Change Proposed for MTA Constitution

At the annual meeting, the membership will be asked to vote on the following change to the MTA Constitution to provide a clearer process to replace officers who may have to leave the Board before their term expires. This would be an addition to Article 4 Section A of the Michigan Tutorial Association Constitution:

6. Should an elected Secretary or Treasurer be unable to fulfill the duties of an office, the President will have the power to appoint an eligible MTA member to fill said office for the remainder of a year until the annual conference. A majority of the remaining Board members must ratify the appointment. At the annual conference, the membership will elect a replacement officer in the manner prescribed in the Constitution. An appointed officer may choose to run for that or any other office or may decline.

MTA Board Members

President/Website Chair —
Elizabeth Dewey,
Delta College

Past President — Kim Boose,
Oakland Community College

President-Elect — Vacant

Secretary and President-Elect—
Annette Mileski,
Southwestern Michigan College

Treasurer— Scott Werhnyak,
Oakland Community College

Membership Chair —
Joyce Van Baak,
Grand Valley State University

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Help Wanted: Conference Chair(s)

Must be able to plan and run the Connections Conference in 2010, or 2011, or even 2012, with full advice and support of the MTA Board. Hosting conference at your campus a definite plus but not required. Send inquiries to MTA current President Elizabeth Dewey or any MTA Board member!

Nominations Sought for MTA Board Offices

The MTA membership will be electing officers for 2009-2010 at the annual meeting during the conference on October 30. Any member may make nominations for the offices of president-elect, secretary, and treasurer.

Our current treasurer, Scott Werhnyak, has agreed to run again, but we need nominations for president-elect and for secretary. You may send nominations for any office to Annette Mileski, the current president-elect and chair of the Nominations Committee. The Nomination form is available on the MTA website linked from http://www.michigan0tutors.org/mta_board.htm

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the annual meeting.

An Invitation

Michigan's colleges and universities are a powerful resource as the state seeks to rebuild its economy on new technologies and industries. We'll be training workers for jobs that don't exist yet and re-training people who need new skills.

Tutoring centers are busier than ever as enrollment rises and more students need academic and other support. Let's increase our participation and sharing through the Michigan Tutorial Association.

Call your colleagues at a nearby school. Visit and observe. Share your best practices and gather new ideas. Share a ride to the Conference— we'll see you on October 30!

Elizabeth Dewey,
MTA President 2008-2009



Autumn in Michigan— a
great time to travel to the
MTA Conference Oct. 30!